

Amendments to the specification

Cancel the Abstract of the Disclosure and substitute the following shorter Abstract:

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An audio program and message distribution system in which a host system organizes and transmits program segments to client subscriber locations. A playback unit at the subscriber location reproduces the program segments received from the host and includes mechanisms for interactively navigating among the program segments. Voice input and control mechanisms included in the player allow the user to perform hands-free navigation of the program materials.